DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of procurement and movement (Rice & wheat) for the year 93-94 and 94-95 are given in the enclosed Statement (See below). The shortfall in movement can be attributed to long hauls, limited availability of rakes, delay in timely release of wagons and procure ment within a short period.

(c) The following important steps have been taken:—

(i) Close coordination with the Railways was maintained. This resulted in improved supply of rakes from 14.1/day during 1994 to 17.1/day during 1995 and 19.1/day during 1996 (so far).

(ii) Wherever feasible, road movement was resorted to;

(iii) Quick release of wagons by Fd was emphasised to improve wagon availability;

(iv) Open wagons were used to the extent possible.

Statement

Movement of Wheat in Gujarat and Southern parts of the Country

(Figs, in lakh tons)

1. OVERALL PROCUREMENT AND MOVEMENT

Year	Procurement			Movement			Remarks
	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total	
1993-94	128.3	13S.6	263.9	102.8	88.8	191.6	A part of the procure-
1994-95	118.6	131.2	249.8	91.5	75.4	167.0	ment is consumed locally in the States without involving rail movement.

2. MOVEMENT TO GUJARAT AND SOUTHERN STATES

State	Year	Movement Planned			Actual Movement		
Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat			Rice	Total
GUJARAT	1993-94	9.95	2.3	12.25	7.56	2.48	10.04 (82%)
1994-95	7.2	3.5	10.75	5.52		3.35	8.87 (82.5%)
SOUTHERN	1993-94	23.83	40.01	63.84	19.01	35.25	54.26 (85%)
STATES	1994-95	29.15	33.1	62.25	24.37	26.88	51.25 (82.3%)

Policy regarding foreign investments

*434. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy regarding foreign investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above policy is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The foreign investment policy is constantly reviewed to make it more investor-friendly and dynamic with the objective of increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Country particularly, in the priority sectors including infrastructure.

CMPDI Consultancy in Tanzania

*435. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(2) whether CMPDI, Ranchi had executed a consultancy job in Tanzania in 1995-96 for preparation of PFR for open cast mining projects;

(b) if so, the total expenses incurred under geological and non-geological heads, separately;

(c) whether a six-member project team for the above job was refused entry by the Emigration Department of Government of Tanzania at Dares-Salam airport on 10th May, 1996, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether the same team had to be sent again, if so, the additional expenditure incurred on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (d) Coal Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI), Ranchi is executing an integrated consultancy assignment for preparation of pre-feasibility and feasibility report for Mchuchuma opencast mining and thermal power plant project under an agreement signed in April, 1995 with M/s National Development Corporation (NDC) of Tanzania. The above mentioned consultancy for US $ 2.45 million is being funded by the African Development Bank. The total expenditure will be worked out when the assignment is complete in all respects. CMPDIL has since completed the pre-feasibility report and the work relating to almost all the items of feasibility report is in progress.

A team from CMPDI had gone to Tanzania in May, 1996 with valid visa and health card in connection with the above mentioned consultancy. Entry to the team was refused by the emigration authorities at Dar-es-Salaam airport on the ground that a work permit for each person was also required for entry. Arrangement of work permit is the responsibility of the sponsors who in this case was CMPDI's client, M/s National Development Corporation, a Govt, of Tanzania undertaking under the Ministry of Industry. Till this incident the standing practice was that CMPDI's personnel used to enter through visa and then work permit were arranged by NDC. Applications for work permit were submitted to NDC well in advance to NDC who in turn had also submitted them to the concerned Tanza-nian authorities for issue of work permit. As securing work permits was NDC's responsibility, their officials present at the airport also made all possible efforts to facilitate entry of CMPDI's staff into Tanzania, but were not successful. NDC has subsequently apologised to CMPDI for the incident.

Work permits were later arranged by NDC and thereafter the team from CMPDI was sent to carry out the job, the additional expenditure incurred is Rs. 2.95 lakhs This additional amount is being claimed from NDC.

Women Working as Unorganised Labourers

*436. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) number of women workers as unorganised labourers;

(b) the areas in which they work;

(c) whether they are given equal wages;

(d) if not, the steps Government have taken and want to take to check their exploitation; and

(e) the steps Government have taken to ensure them equal wages and security of job?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The total female work force according to the 1991 census is 89,767,563. Majority of women are employed in the rural areas. While no definite data regarding the number of women workers in the unorganised sector is available, it is estimated that amongst women workers in the rural areas, 87% are employed in